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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE RE CIA IN CHILE

FOLLOWING GUIDANCE WAS PREPARED FOR USE OF DEPARTMENT  
SPOKESMAN AT BRIEFING SEPTEMBER 9:

Q: WHAT DOES THE DEPARTMENT HAVE TO SAY ABOUT CIA FINANC-  
ING OF THE OPPOSITION TO ALLENDE IN CHILE?

A: THE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT AS A PRACTICE COMMENT ON CIA  
ACTIVITIES.

Q: BUT IN THIS CASE SECRETARY KISSINGER AS CHAIRMAN OF THE  
40 COMMITTEE OBVIOUSLY PARTICIPATED IN AND AUTHORIZED  
THOSE DECISIONS? ISN'T THAT RIGHT?

A: AS I HAVE SAID, THE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT COMMENT ON  
THESE MATTERS.

Q: MR. LEVINSON, THE CHIEF COUNSEL OF THE SENATE SUB-  
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COMMITTEE ON MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS SAYS THESUB-COMMITTEE WAS DELIBERATELY DECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S SPOKESMEN IN 1972. WHAT DO YOU SAY ABOUT THAT?

A: IF SUCH ALLEGATIONS ARE PRESENTED TO US WE WILL BE PLEASED TO REVIEW THE TESTIMONY. WE ARE UNAWARE OF ANY MISTATEMENTS. (WE SAID AT THE TIME, AND I REPEAT NOW, THAT IDEAS OF THWARTING THE CHILEAN CONSTITUTIONAL PROCESS WERE REJECTED.)

Q: MR. LEVINSON ALSO RAISES THE QUESTION OF JUST WHO IT IS WHO MAKES FOREIGN POLICY. WHAT WAS THE DEPARTMENT'S ROLE IN THE DECISION TO INTERVENE IN CHILEAN POLITICS? DID YOU KNOW ABOUT IT? WERE YOU CONSULTED?

A: AS I HAVE SAID, THE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT COMMENT ON MATTERS OF THIS KIND. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THE DEPARTMENT PLAYS ITS FULL ROLE IN THE FOREIGN POLICY PROCESS.

Q: YOU PEOPLE ARE ON RECORD HERE AND ELSEWHERE THAT THE UNITED STATES HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE COUP THAT OVERTHREW ALLENDE. WHAT DO YOU SAY ABOUT THAT NOW?

A: WE STAND BY THOSE STATEMENTS. WE WERE NOT INVOLVED IN THE OVERTHROW OF THE ALLENDE GOVERNMENT. ( END GUIDANCE.)

SUMMARY OF TRANSCRIPT OF Q AND A FOLLOWS IN SEPARATE TELEGRAM. KISSINGER

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